

Table 17-4 Percentage of public schools and instructional rooms with Internet access, by school characteristics: Fall 1994–98

School characteristics	Percentage of schools with Internet access					Percentage of instructional rooms with Internet access ¹				
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total	35	50	65	78	89	3	8	14	27	51
Level of school ²										
Elementary	30	46	61	75	88	3	8	13	24	51
Secondary	49	65	77	89	94	4	8	16	32	52
School size										
Less than 300	30	39	57	75	87	3	9	15	27	54
300–999	35	52	66	78	89	3	8	13	28	53
1,000 or more	58	69	80	89	95	3	4	16	25	45
Urbanicity										
City	40	47	64	74	92	4	6	12	20	47
Urban fringe	38	59	75	78	85	4	8	16	29	50
Town	29	47	61	84	90	3	8	14	34	55
Rural	35	48	60	79	92	3	8	14	30	57
Region										
Northeast	34	59	70	78	90	3	6	10	22	39
Southeast	29	44	62	84	92	2	5	10	26	51
Central	34	52	66	79	90	3	10	19	33	61
West	42	48	62	73	86	5	9	15	27	51
Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch										
Less than 11	40	62	78	88	87	4	9	18	36	62
11–30	39	59	72	83	94	4	10	16	32	53
31–70	33	47	58	78	91	3	7	14	27	52
71 or more	19	31	53	63	80	2	3	7	14	39
Percentage of minority students enrolled										
Less than 6	38	52	65	84	91	6	9	18	37	57
6–20	38	58	72	87	93	4	10	18	35	59
21–49	38	54	65	73	91	4	9	12	22	52
50 or more	27	40	56	63	82	3	3	5	13	37

¹ Based on the total number of instructional rooms in regular public schools.

² Data for combined schools are not reported as a separate level of school because there are too few sample observations for reliable estimates. Data for combined schools are included in the totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Internet Access in Public Schools," Issue Brief, February 1998, and "Internet Access in Public Schools, 1994–1998," Issue Brief, February 1999.